

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3295 - HB 3947

February 21, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires persons convicted of DUI for first offenses to pay fines and complete periods of confinement or litter removal within four months of sentencing.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Up to \$65,600

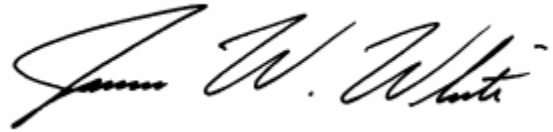
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety (DOS), this bill will not increase departmental expenditures by a significant amount.
- DOS indicates that there are approximately 15,000 first-time DUI convictions per year.
- The minimum fine for a first-time DUI offender is \$350.
- Such fines are due and payable on such offender's court date.
- If 100 percent of first-time offenders paid 100 percent of the \$350 fine, total fine revenue generated would be approximately \$5,250,000 (15,000 individuals x \$350 fine = \$5,250,000) per year.
- 25 percent of offenders do not pay due to indigence.
- Uncollected fine revenue is estimated to be \$1,312,500 ($\$5,250,000 \times 25\% = \$1,312,500$) per year.
- 100 percent of DUI fine revenue goes to local governments.
- It is difficult to determine how much of uncollected revenues could actually be collected as a result of offenders having up to four months to pay such fines. However, it is reasonably estimated that some unknown amount up to five percent of total uncollected revenue (\$65,625) could be collected over the four months.
- Local government expenditures are not expected to change significantly as a result of offenders having to complete periods of confinement or litter removal within four months.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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